

THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 2.

CARRIER PIGEONS.—Balloons and carrier pigeons are among the prominent agencies of communication employed in the Franco-Prussian war. Of the former we have spoken more than once; of the latter we propose to say a few words now, having been asked frequently as to the modus operandi. The carrier pigeon is larger than the common pigeon, measuring about 15 inches in length and weighing about one and a quarter pounds. An appendage of naked skin hangs across its bill, and continues down on either side of the lower mandible. Its value is estimated according to its shape and size. Its strong, instinctive love of home is the quality that renders it so valuable, and fits it for its functions as a carrier.

The birds are regularly trained when young, their trainers taking them at first short distances from home, and then turning them loose. Those that fail to return home are considered stupid, and rejected as valueless. Those that return home are then taken to greater distances, progressively increased from two miles to a thousand miles. The good birds return home with unerring certainty. The birds are sometimes kept in a dark place for some hours before they are used and sparingly fed, but abundantly watered.

The paper on which the message is written, is carefully tied around the upper part of the bird's leg, but so as not to impede its flight. An old English ballad and a line from Tasso imply that the original way of suspending the dispatch was from the wing or around the neck, but the above method is that now in use.

The employment of the carrier pigeon dates from remote antiquity. The rapidity of the flight of this bird is almost incredible. Audubon speaks of passenger pigeons shot in the neighborhood of New York with their claws full of rice, which the birds could not have procured nearer than the rice fields of Georgia and Carolina. The same naturalist observes that as their power of digestion is so great that they entirely decompose food in twelve hours, the birds which were killed in the neighborhood of New York, must have traveled between three and four hundred miles in six hours.

When the annual trial of the prize for the best carrier pigeons was decided at Ghent, in 1833, twenty-four birds, which had been conveyed from that place, were thrown up. Rouen at five miles, and Paris at nine o'clock in the morning. The distance is one hundred and fifty miles. The first pigeon arrived in Ghent in one hour and a half; sixteen came in within two hours and a half, and three in the course of the day. Four were lost. The rate at which the first bird flew was ninety miles in the hour. When thrown up the bird rises, and when it has reached a good height will at first fly round and round and then make off, continuing on the wing without stop or stay, unless prevented, till its well-known home is reached.

BLONDEIN'S POPULAR CLOTHING EMPORIUM, Corner King and Fairfax streets. First class goods at reduced prices. Heavy Beaver Suits at \$18. Silk-mixed Suits at \$12. Harris' Cassimere Suits at \$11. Herring Bone Suits at \$8. Blue, Black and Brown Frock Coats at \$9. Sack at \$8. Also Derby Coats and Reeling Jackets at prices which cannot fail to please. Call and examine. **BLONDEIN,** oct 14 Corner King and Fairfax sts.

ELECTION TICKETS printed cheap at this office. **nov 1-21**

ICE ICE ICE! The cleanest and best BOSTON ICE, in quantities to suit purchasers, can always be obtained from the ice carts, or at the ice depot on the strand, between King and Prince streets, of **M. ELDRIDGE & CO.** oct 16-17

TRAVELLING SHIRTS! Plain and Fancy colors; very desirable. **CHAS. W. GREEN,** 68 King street. oct 25

FISHER'S UNRIVALLED MINCE MEAT! by using which housekeepers can save much trouble. For sale by **G. WM. RAMSAY,** 147 King street. oct 21

MACKEREL—Nos. 1, 2 and 3, by the bbl, klt or dozen, for sale by **WM. F. BROOKES,** 179 King street. oct 18

SCISSORS! SCISSORS!—Rodgers' make—genuine article—received to-day at **JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS,** 43 King street. oct 24

STOVE POLISH AND BRUSHES—best kinds—call and see. **J. T. CRIGHTON & SON,** 88 King street. oct 26

13 BBLs REFINED SUGARS received and for sale by **AVERY & DAVIDSON,** 226 King st., cor. Alfred. oct 11

CALIFORNIA WINES AND LIQUORS. California, Cognac, Port, Hock, Angelica and Sherry Wines, for sale by the case or bottle. **F. G. SWAINE,** 22 Royal st. oct 28

A PRIME LOT OF NEW YORK STATE BUTTER received this day and for sale low by **WM. F. BROOKES,** 179 King street. oct 31

A STRICTLY PRIME ARTICLE OF STRAINED HONEY in store and for sale at market rates. **WM. F. BROOKES,** oct 31

PEAK, FRENCH & CO'S CELEBRATED LONDON BISCUITS are sold by the **CHINESE TEA CO.** No. 11 North Royal st. sep 17

RODGERS' TABLE CUTLERY—Another supply of the above Cutlery just opened at 83 King street. **J. T. CRIGHTON & SON,** oct 26

NEW LAYER RAISINS AND CURRANTS received and for sale by **AVERY & DAVIDSON,** 226 King st., cor. Alfred. oct 16

NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR received and for sale by **AVERY & DAVIDSON,** 226 King st., cor. Alfred. nov 1

LACE CURTAINS. We have just opened some very desirable goods in this line. **No. 62 King street.** oct 19

PIANO, TABLE AND STAND COVERS, very cheap—a new lot just received. **R. L. WOOD,** oct 20

GUNS! GUNS!—Another supply received at **CARLIN & SONS,** 63 King street. oct 25

15 BBLs Pound Sweets and Milan APPLES for sale very low by **GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,** oct 20

12 BOXES PRIME FACTORY CHEESE just received and for sale by **GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,** oct 19

CHOICE BUTTER—A prime lot of Glades Butter received and for sale by **GEORGE MCBURNEY & SON,** oct 19

OIL—5 bbls Kerosene; also Crystallized Oil, for sale by **J. CLINTON MILBURN,** oct 21

CODFISH, prime, for sale by **WM. F. BROOKES,** 179 King street. oct 19

MACKEREL, in half bbls & F. is, for sale by **WM. F. BROOKES,** 179 King street. oct 24

FLORIDA WATER—a delicate perfumery—just received and for sale by **WARY, IELD & HALL,** oct 24

BROOM TWINE—A WIRE of best quality, for sale at 88 King street, Alexandria, Va. by **J. T. CRIGHTON & SON,** oct 26

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GREAT REDUCTION IN THE PRICE OF TEAS. Having purchased a full stock before the advance in gold, we are enabled to sell TEAS from 10 to 25 per cent cheaper than heretofore. Extra quality—
Gunpowder, \$1.25, \$1.40; extra, \$1.50
Imperial, \$1.30; " " " " 1.60
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Any Tea purchased from us we guarantee pure, and if not satisfactory will be exchanged. We have also a full stock of Green and Roast COFFEES, SUGARS, SPICES, MUSTARD, SCOTCH, SOAPS, CANNED FRUITS, &c.
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Flues may be built in nine inch walls at great saving of expense, occupying no space in rooms of small dimensions.
Chimney Tops are ornamental, and cost less than brick stacks, and not subject to the action of the gases from coal as in mortar joints of brick chimneys, and requiring no repairs.
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Richardson's Linens, Worsteds Goods for Infants, all kinds; all of which will be sold cheap for cash. Call and see them at
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BAR IRON, STEEL, HORSE SHOES, Nail Rods, Forged Horse Shoe Nails, Drills, &c., in the blacksmith shop, just received at 83 King street, and for sale at lowest cash prices.
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Fare to Norfolk, \$5; round trip, \$8.
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